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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth S. Wheelock  
Serial Number: 09/777,329  
Filed: February 5, 2001  
Examiner: not yet assigned  
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Title: A BUSINESS METHOD FOR RESERVING INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY RIGHTS IN MATERIALS OR ARTICLES CLAIMED  
IN PATENTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to any action on the merits entry of the instantly presented amendment is respectfully requested. The instant amendment presents three new claims for which a fee is due. Authorization for payment of the fee due accompanies this amendment. Please enter the accompanying amendment.

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